

Introduced by Senator Evans

February 18, 2011

An act relating to land use.

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SB 668, as introduced, Evans. Local government: Williamson Act.

The California Land Conservation Act of 1965, otherwise known as the Williamson Act, authorizes cities and counties to enter into contracts with landowners whereby the landowner agrees to restrict the use of his or her land in exchange for a reduced property taxation rate. Under existing law, the city or county receives a subvention for the property tax revenue lost as a result of these contracts.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would authorize local governments to accept donations from private entities to offset any reduced amount the local government receives in subvention payments for Williamson Act contracts.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation that would authorize local governments to accept
- 3 donations from private entities to offset any reduced amount the
- 4 local government receives in subvention payments for Williamson
- 5 Act contracts.

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